रक्षा मंत्रालय में रक्षा उत्पादन और पूर्ति विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चिन्तामणि पाणिग्रही) : (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) से (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

Eighth Antarctica expedition

3164. SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is duration of the eighth Antarctica expedition; and

(b) what is composition of group set for the expedition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) The summer team of the Expedition is expected to stay in Antarctica for about seventy days excluding journey time.

(b) The expedition team includes 17 scientists, 2 doctors, 1 photographer, 40 personnel from the Indian Army, 19 personnel from the Indian Navy and 21 personnel from the Indian Air Force.

**Exclusion of drugs by Kelkar Committee**

3165. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Nandrolone Decontate, Ethyl Estranol, Nandrolone Phenyl, Oxyfedrine Hcl Norgestrol, Testosterone Propionate, do not fulfil any of the exclusion criteria as laid down by the Kelkar Committee.

(b) whether it is a fact that a number of representations along with data and details were provided to Kelkar Committee for inclusion of these drugs;

(c) whether it is a fact that the drugs have been excluded on the certificate of non-essentiality;

(d) if so, what is the basis of such certificate;

(e) whether Government have prepared any list of essential drugs; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE). (a) to (d) Examination of reasons, or representations, regarding exclusion of the drugs mentioned in part (a) of the question vis-a-vis the exclusion criteria of the Kelkar Committee for Category II drugs has not been done by the Ministry of Health.

(e) and (f) Government has prepared lists of essential drills for the Central Government Health Scheme and for the Rural Health Services.

**Seniority Quota Rules**

3166. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quota and rota rule for making appointments and determini-ing seniority in the Central Government;

(b) whether the principle of quota and rota has been revised/amended by Government in the past five Years; and if so, the details thereof; if not, reasons therefor-

(c) whether it is also a fact that Su preme Court, High Courts in India and Central Administrative Tribunal have given judgements regarding principles to be followed in case of failure of quota and rota rule;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in each of such cases; and

(e) what action Government propose to take to ensure the proper operation of the quota and rota rule in future in order to avoid the necessity of filling petitions by employees in tach and every case?